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TAGS: PFOR, WB, US, UK, FR, TS  
SUBJ: TUNISIAN CONSULATE IN BERLIN

REF: USBERLIN 0405

DURING PAST WEEK THREE ALLIED MISSIONS HAVE DISCUSSED  
AMONG THEMSELVES NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM TUNISIAN  
CONSUL, TAOUIK ABDENNEBI, THAT THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT  
INTENDED TO CLOSE ITS OFFICE IN BERLIN. ALTHOUGH  
THE MISSIONS HAVE LITTLE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE  
GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA WILL NAME A NEW CONSUL TO  
REPLACE ABDENNEBI IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT REMAINS  
UNCLEAR WHETHER THE ALLIES SHOULD REGARD MR. ABDENNEBI'S  
FIRST PERSON NOTE AS CONVEYING THE OFFICIAL DECISION  
OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE IRREVOCABLY THE CONSULATE  
IN BERLIN. THE MISSIONS AGREED, THEREFORE, TO ASK THEIR  
EMBASSIES IN BONN TO APPROACH THE TUNISIAN EMBASSY THERE  
SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA'S  
INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE CONSULATE IN BERLIN.

2. THE CONSENSUS AMONG MISSIONS IS TO HAVE THE  
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EMBASSIES SEND IDENTICAL OFFICIAL NOTES TO TUNISIAN  
EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGING MR. ABDENNEBI'S DEPARTURE  
FROM BERLIN, EXPRESSING REGRET THAT THE CONSULATE  
HAS SUSPENDED ITS OPERATION, AND ASKING FOR A CLARIFICATION  
WHETHER THE TUNISIANS INTEND MERELY TO SUSPEND  
OPERATION OF THE CONSULATE FOR THE TIME BEING WITH  
THE THOUGHT OF NAMING A NEW CONSUL IN THE FUTURE,

OR WHETHER THE DECISION IS IN FACT ONE TO CLOSE THE  
CONSULATE ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THE BRITISH AND FRENCH WILL BE  
ADVISING THEIR EMBASSIES ON THE SAME LINES AS ABOVE.  
MISSION REQUESTS BONN GROUP REPRESENTATIVE TO  
COORDINATE WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES ON  
APPROACH TO TUNISIAN EMBASSY. GEORGE

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